# LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS

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#### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

**LS 8174 DATE PREPARED:** Mar 5, 1999 **BILL NUMBER:** HB 2021 **BILL AMENDED:** Mar 4, 1999

**SUBJECT:** Motor vehicle inspection stations.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State

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<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> (Amended) (1) This bill applies air pollution control laws concerning motor vehicles emissions tests to certain motor vehicles. It allows certain inspection stations to inspect and certify motor vehicles. It describes circumstances under which the Department of Environmental Management may contract with a person to conduct emissions inspections. It repeals the expired provision that governed contracts for motor vehicles emission inspections and legalizes actions taken under the expired provision.

(2) It prohibits the Department of Environmental Management from using the money in a fund to pay for the expenses of administering another fund or for any other purpose other purpose than the specified purpose for which the fund was established.

Effective Date: (Amended) June 30, 1998 (retroactive); Upon passage; July 1, 1999.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) (2) This bill provides that the expenses of administering an Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) dedicated fund may only be paid from money in the fund and that money in the fund may not be used to pay the expenses of administering another fund or for any purpose other than the specified purpose.

Currently, the salary and expenses of each employee who provides agency-wide services are charged to only one fund. The fund that is charged is determined by estimating on which project or program the employee spends the bulk of his or her time. In its budget request for the 1999-2001 biennium, IDEM has proposed a new method of distributing the costs of agency-wide services. Under this new method, agency-wide services would be funded through state General Fund revenues (which are partly refunded by federal funds), as well as by an 11% to 15% assessment to dedicated funds (the 11% to 15% reflects the total annual cost of agency-wide services divided by the total cost of IDEM's annual budget). The assessment would be reviewed biennially.

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This bill would require every employee who provides agency-wide services to track the amount of time that is actually spent on each project or program. Managing this type of approach would increase IDEM's administrative expenses. This can be accomplished within the existing budget.

## **Explanation of State Revenues:**

### **Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

### **Explanation of Local Revenues:**

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

### **Local Agencies Affected:**

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